was held in 1996. Government proposes to continue it till the next SGPC elections due in 2001.

Pakistani Nationals Reporting to the Police Station

2831. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA :

SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani Nationals visiting India are required to report their arrival to the nearest Police station as required under the Immigration Act;

(b) whether it is also fact that many Pak Nationals seldom or never report their arrival; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Governmcnt in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) As per existing instructions, all the Pakistani nationals, excepting those in possession of the Exempted from Police Reporting (EPR) visa, are required to report their arrival and intended departure to the neareset police station of the places of their visits. All the Pak nationals, excepting in rare cases, report their arrival and intended departure to the competent authorities. Instructions are issued to the State Governments and UT Administrations from time to time to detect and deport such Pak nationals who violate the law.

Pakistani Nationals by Samjhauta Express

2832. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA :

SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50,000 Pakistani nationals who entered India by Samjhauta Express Train in the past few years never went back to their country as reported in Times of India of February 26,2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISETR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) As per available information, as on 31-12-1999, 11433, and not 50,000, Pak nationals out of those who had come to India with valid travel documents since 1974, have not returned to